



2015 Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade

December 5 at 6pm

General Parade Guidelines

Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow all instructions from police and parade officials. The parade committee reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to assembly, at assembly or at any time during the parade if the entrant fails to meet parade rules or does not follow standards of reasonable public taste. Due to limited time and space, parade officials have elected not to permit individual vehicles in the parade with the exception of invited local, state, and national dignitaries. Pageant winners are encouraged to participate in the parade, but must be on a float. Individual passenger vehicles do not qualify as floats.

Each parade applicant/unit will make up their own holiday theme. The theme must relate to the Christmas holiday season. The parade unit must relate to the chosen theme. Please specify the name of theme or the unit in the "Name of Unit" located on the parade application.

The Parade Committee will have final authority over positioning of entries in the parade and the pace and movement of the parade in progress. Only forward movement by motorized vehicles is permitted. Parade officials assume no liability for any damage to floats, vehicles, or for any injuries or damage due to negligence of parade entrants. A spacing of 15 feet between units will be enforced. All units are required to close the gap between units when ordered by parade officials.

Parents or guardians (18 and older) must be at the end of the parade route to pick up their children. The ratio of adult chaperones must be no less than 1:10 for ages 6-12 or 2:5 for ages 5 and under. These chaperones are included in the 75 person maximum limit per unit.

No candy, literature, or other materials may be handed out or thrown out along the parade route.

Santa Claus is the parade's featured guest. No participant may use any representation of Santa (alive or inanimate). Santa hats are allowed.

All units must be illuminated in some way and incorporate holiday music. In your description, please describe the type of illumination you will be using. Candles or other open flames are prohibited.

All entrants must provide proper signs for their unit. Banners and signs should be neat and easily recognized. 6 to 8 inch lettering is recommended. Basic, simple signage is best.

If your entry is accepted, your organization will receive a letter outlining how your entry will be judged in the parade.





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Float Rules and Regulations

Float support vehicles may include flatbed trucks and tractors. Commercial service trucks, buses, passenger vans, or 18 wheel trucks are not acceptable. Floats must be of sturdy construction with decorated wheels. Floats with any commercial sign, banner, or logo (including trucks pulling non-profit floats) will be considered a commercial entry.

Maximum width of float entries is 8 feet. The maximum height is 14 feet. Floats without side rails that transport riders must be no higher than 24 inches from the ground. Floats judged unsuitable due to size, safety hazards, or structural weakness will be subject to removal.

Marching/Walking Rules and Regulations

All marching/walking units must be contained within an 18 to 20 foot width limit. There is a 75 person maximum.

Organized walking units should be in uniform or costume and maintain a banner or other identification. Flags, banners, and other displays are encouraged. Unit numbers must be displayed at all times. All units should have holiday decorations, costumes, and music where appropriate. All ROTC units must march with their school band.

Application and Selection

The parade will be limited to 100 units. Applications are accepted based on creativity, proposed use of theme, and type of unit. A complete visual description of the proposed entry must accompany all forms. These will be reviewed by the parade committee, with a limited number accepted into the parade. The selection process will be completed by November 13th and all entrants will be notified of acceptance by email or phone. The parade committee's decision regarding all entrants is final.

In keeping with the spirit of the holidays, any entries striving to make a controversial or political statement are discouraged from doing so.

Entries not accepted will have their application fee returned. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after November 20th. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

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Christmas Parade
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Parade Application

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 7, 2015

Name of Unit: _____

Sponsoring Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Daytime): _____ Email: _____

Category of Entry (Please choose one)

Float \$100

Non-profit/Charitable Organization \$50

Marching/Walking unit \$200

Non-profit/Charitable or Marching/Walking \$75

Number of Participants: _____ (maximum 75 persons per entry)

Age Range: _____

Length of Entry (in feet): _____

List music, song titles, and music source (PA system, radio, live, etc.)

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
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The undersigned person, corporation, or other entity understands that this application is not an invitation to participate in the 2015 Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade and the sponsors do not seek to make a profit from any of the activities of the annual parade but use any revenues for parade expenses.

In consideration of the parade committee allowing the undersigned to take part in the Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade, the undersigned agrees to save, defend, and hold harmless the City of Greenville, the sponsors, and their agents and employees from any and all claims of damages for injury (including death) and property damage arising out of involvement with the parade. All participants operating motorized vehicles must provide certification of liability insurance, a copy of pocket card, or written verification from participant's insurance carrier. All drivers must have a valid driver's license.

The undersigned further agrees to have received, read, understood, and will fully comply with all Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade rules and regulations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail check payable to:

Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade
P.O. Box 2207
Greenville, SC 29602